



# 2025

## Ministry Update

# Our 18<sup>th</sup> Year of Rebuilding Hope

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2025 began similar to how 2024 ended: Disaster relief and recovery in the aftermath of Hurricane Helene. Over the course of this year we also responded to tornadoes in Kentucky, flooding in Fort Oglethorpe and storm damage in Calhoun and Dallas, GA. This year marks the closing of a chapter, the start of a new team member and a return to a focus on the foundational mission of Rebuilding Hope.

We are thankful for a quiet storm season this past fall. This respite provided us with opportunities to invest in the skillset of our volunteers.

**Preach the word;  
be prepared in season  
and out of season;  
correct, rebuke and  
encourage - with great  
patience and careful  
instruction.  
2 Timothy 4:2 NIV**

Think about first responders. When firefighters aren't battling a blaze, they spend hours in training and sharpening their skills in preparation for the moment they are called to respond. Our ministry is similar. The middle of a disaster is not the time to grab a chainsaw, jump into a boom lift or attempt to operate a skid steer for the first time. Our goal is for our volunteers to be prepared in season and out of season; to be ready - not only physically, but also emotionally and spiritually when the next disaster strikes.

Thank you for helping us show the love of Christ in a practical way this year. Your partnership matters. You have been the hands of hope, feet of faith, and heart of compassion for families in smaller communities whose lives have been turned upside down, but are often overlooked in the aftermath of a disaster.

We are so grateful for you!

# Winter 2025

## ASHEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

Uprooted trees and extensive debris were intensified by the extreme winter conditions. Our team worked alongside Mission to North America, cleaning up properties, removing trees and debris. Skid Steer froze. So did the team. But that didn't dampen their spirit as they helped families in need



## SWANNANOA, NORTH CAROLINA

Roads and buildings were buried in debris because of the flooding. The group of young adults from Michigan that we led did a fantastic job. Everything from repairing flood damaged homes to crawling underneath houses to install insulation, Our team served as the hands and feet of Jesus, cleaning up the mess and even blessing a local church with a special building project.

# Spring 2025

## DALLAS, GEORGIA / CALHOUN, GEORGIA

Severe storms generated tornadoes that wreaked havoc outside Dallas and Calhoun. Our team removed trees from roofs and cleared away debris, serving 20 families in these communities.



## LONDON, KENTUCKY / MORGANFIELD, KENTUCKY

An EF-4 Tornado ravaged London while an EF-3 ripped through Morganfield. Residents described it as "roaring like a freight train," followed by the sudden destruction of everything around them. Our team partnered with Cedarcrest Church, He Restores, and God's Pit Crew to help mitigate the devastation. We pulled trees off houses, cars, and driveways, rebuilding hope one family at a time.



# Summer 2025

## DALTON, GEORGIA

Group training introduced volunteers to our mission. They also received training in safe chain saw and skid steer operation.



## CLOSING A CHAPTER / RETURN TO FOCUS

Our local service teams constructed 11 wheel chair ramps and repaired and replaced 3 roofs. What a great way to close this chapter of our ministry and focus on disaster relief and recovery.

## FORT OGLETHORPE, GEORGIA

We partnered with ServeComm, Cedarcrest Church and He Restores after the flood, clearing debris, ensuring families were fed. Mobile laundry services cleaned and dried clothes for residents.



# Autumn 2025

## WELCOME TOM McELLIGOTT

Tom joined Jim and Joshua on the team this past September. You may have heard him on Mornings with Tom and Tabi on Moody Radio. Now check out his posts for us on Facebook!



## RECOVERY & REBUILD - VALDOSTA, GA

Our team worked on a 100 year old house with tree damage from Helene. Repaired all four exterior walls and added siding. Prayed with the owner when we wrapped up and gave her a Bible.

## MOCK DISASTER TRAINING EXERCISE

Our team partnered with the NW Georgia Disaster Response Alliance in Woodstock, GA for three days of individual and group training. Boom-Lift & skid steer operation, partnership development and teamwork. The goal: To be better prepared to work together effectively when responding to the next disaster



# Why Give a Bible to Families We Serve?

It is the last thing we do after removing trees, clearing away the debris and cleaning up the mess. We pray with them and give them a Bible signed by every team member. This is more than just a parting gift. It is a seed. A stone of remembrance, a memorial to the Lord. Not just for the family. It is also for the team members as well. A reminder that God is present even when it seems like he is distant.

The Bible is God's word, which is living and active and always produces fruit. For a seed-planting ministry like ours that shows the love of God by what we do in the aftermath of a disaster - we want to plant seeds with a track record of success. Long after we are gone, the gift we leave has the power to do what we cannot. This gift will transform their life.



**It is the same with my word.  
I send it out  
and it always produces fruit.  
It will accomplish all I want it to,  
and it will prosper  
everywhere I send it.**

**Isaiah 55:11 NLT**

When disasters strike, small towns are affected that don't make the headlines. Lives are turned upside down in communities that are often overlooked.

We help these communities by showing them Christ's love in a practical way. We remove trees, clear debris, and clean up the mess. In the last year we helped 181 families in towns many have never heard of.

You can help more families in overlooked communities recover from a disaster by praying, giving, and volunteering with Rebuilding Hope.



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